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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IRANIAN EXPERTS TO U.S. TO STUDY
OCEANOGRAPHY

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SUMMARY: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HAS COMPILED LIST
OF OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTERS SUITABLE FOR VISITS BY IRANIAN
TEAM. COSTS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED FOR WITHIN USA TRAVEL,
PER DIEM, ESCORT KNOWLEDGEABLE IN OCEANOGRAPHY, CONTRACTOR
FOR ARRANGING TRAVEL DETAILS, AND NSF STAFF COSTS. IN
ORDER TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS NSF URGENTLY NEEDS
(1) NAMES AND BIODATA OF TEAM MEMBERS, (2) PROPOSED
DURATION OF VISIT, (3) TENTATIVE ETA OF TEAM AND (4) MOU
REGARDING COSTS.

I. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER
USG AGENCIES, HAS COMPILED LIST OF CENTERS FOR SURVEY OF
OCEANOGRAPHY IN USA BY VISITING TEAM OF IRANIAN EXPERTS AS
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REQUESTED BY DR. BAHMAN PARSA, GOI MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
AND HIGHER EDUCATION. TOUR WOULD BEGIN WITH BRIEFING IN
WASHINGTON, D.C., BY NSF, NOAA, COAST GUARD, EPA, OTHER
AGENCIES. VISITS TO NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTRUMENTATION

CENTER, WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, OTHER NEARBY LABORATORIES WOULD BE REQUESTED. DEBRIEFING CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON TO ASSESS ALTERNATIVES RECOMMENDED. STOPS WOULD BE SELECTED FROM FOLLOWING LIST OF CENTERS. GEOGRAPHICAL ORDER PROPOSED FOR ECONOMY OF SCHEDULING TOUR. ONE DAY AT EACH USG LABORATORY, TWO DAYS AT EACH UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDED IN USUAL CASE. ABBREVIATIONS USED ARE FB, FISHERIES AND BREEDING; EP, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; OC, OCEANOGRAPHY; TT, TECHNICIAN TRAINING; NOAA, NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION; EPA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

1. NATIONAL MARINE WATER ANALYSIS LABORATORY (EPA)
WEST KINGSTON, RI EP

2. SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
KINGSTON, RI OC

3. SEA GRANT PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
KINGSTON, RI FB, EP, OC, TT

4. WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION
WOODS HOLE, MA OC

5. NORTHEAST FISHERIES CENTER (NOAA)
WOODS HOLE, MA FB, OC

6. US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY LABORATORY
WOODS HOLE, MA

7. US COAST GUARD TRAINING SCHOOL
IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
YORKTOWN, VA EP

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8. DUKE UNIVERSITY MARINE LABORATORY
BEAUFORT, NC OC

9. INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
MOREHEAD CITY, NC FB

10. ATLANTIC OCEANOGRAPHIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL LABORATORIES (NOAA)
MIAMI, FL OC

11. SOUTHEAST FISHERIES CENTER (NOAA)
MIAMI, FL FB

12. ROSENTHAL SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
MIAMI, FL BF, EP, OC, TT

13. ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY (EPA)
GULF BREEZE, FL EP

14. DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
TALLAHASSEE, FL FB

15. CENTER FOR MARINE RESOURCES
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE STATION, TX FB, EP, OC, TT

16. GULF COASTAL FISHERIES CENTER (NOAA)
GALVESTON, TX AQUACULTURE RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

17. SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY
LA JOLLA, CA EP, OC

18. SOUTHWEST FISHERIES CENTER (NOAA)
LA JOLLA, CA FB

19. INSTITUTE OF MARINE RESOURCES
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
LA JOLLA, CA EP, OC
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20. FLEET NUMERICAL WEATHER CENTRAL
MONTERREY, CA (US NAVY POST GRADUATE SCHOOL)

21. SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM
AND SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
CORVALLIA, OR FB, EP, OC, TT

22. SEA GRANT PROGRAM
DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
SEATTLE, WA FB, EP, OC, TT

23. SEA GRANT PROGRAM AND RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII (INDIAN OCEAN CIRCULATION)
HONOLULU, HI FB, EP, OC, TT

II. ESTIMATE OF COSTS

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1. JET ECONOMY AIR FARE WITHIN USA, \$1,500 PER PERSON,
FOR TOUR OF ALL CENTERS. VISITS IN EACH GEOGRAPHICAL

REGION CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL. THEREFORE, LITTLE DECREASE IF TRIP SHORTENED. SOME INCREASE PERCEIVED IF GEOGRAPHICAL ORDER ALTERED.

2. GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AIRPORT TO LABORATORY FOR ALL STOPS, ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$600 PER PERSON (TOTAL), BUT FINAL COSTS WILL DEPEND ON NUMBER AND RANK OF VISITORS.

3. ESCORT (IF ARRANGED) SALARY ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$2,200 PER MONTH, PLUS TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE. NSF STRONGLY RECOMMENDS HIRING FULL TIME U.S. ESCORT WITH KNOWLEDGE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND WILL NEGOTIATE FOR SERVICES IF APPROVED BY GOI.

4. SUBSISTENCE. \$50 PER PERSON PER DAY, INCLUDING ANY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND INCIDENTAL COSTS.

5. CONTRACTOR FOR TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CONTRACTOR AT NO COST IF TICKETS PURCHASED THROUGH CONTRACTOR AT STANDARD RATES.

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6. USG AGENCY COSTS. APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 FOR PLANNING, BRIEFING, DEBRIEFING, AND MANAGEMENT.

III. VISITING TEAM, TENTATIVE ETA, DURATION OF TOUR, AND ITINERARY. NSF URGENTLY NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION

1. BIODATA AND NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS.

2. TENTATIVE ETA ESSENTIAL FOR ARRANGING ITINERARY.

3. GOI APPROVAL OF CENTERS SELECTED FOR TOUR. MOST CENTERS WILL NOT BE CONTACTED UNTIL GOI APPROVAL RECEIVED.

4. DURATION OF TOUR. NSF PERCEIVES SIX TO TEN WEEK TOUR.

IV. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC MECHANISM FOR FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT BETWEEN GOI MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION AND NSF COVERING TOUR ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS WOULD BE NEEDED.

2. IN ABSENCE OF MOU, NSF SUGGESTS CONTRACT BETWEEN IRANIAN ENTITY AND (1) NSF RECOMMENDED TRAVEL AGENCY AND (2) OCEANOGRAPHER ESCORT. GOI TRAVEL ADVANCE TO TEAM

RECOMMENDED FOR SUBSISTENCE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

V. ACTION

1. NSF REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY PLEASE CONVEY THIS MESSAGE
TO DR. PARSA ASAP. REPLY NEEDED EARLIEST TO PROCEED
WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

2. ADDITIONAL MESSAGES WILL FOLLOW ON RADIO ASTRONOMY,
SEISMIC STUDIES, EDUCATION, AND REMOTE SENSING TOURS. KISSINGER

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